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Bureau of Investigation for investigation of the available evidence with a view to work out whether a *prima facie* case is made out against the concerned units under the relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code. The exact amount of recovery from the urea manufacturing units and the mode of recovery thereof will, however, depend on the report of the Committee headed by Dr. Y. K. Alagh set up by the Government vide Resolution dated 19.5.2000 and the Government's decision thereon.

Decline in chemical industry

1407. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether environmental pollution hazards are the main reasons for the decline of chemical industries in India;
- (b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and
- (c) the measures proposed to be taken to habitat these industries at safe locations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) There are no indications of decline of chemical industries in India due to environmental pollution hazards.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The location of industrial units is regulated by zoning and land use regulations as also the environmental guidelines.

Fertilizers pricing policy

1408. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a new long-term fertilizer pricing policy has been finalised and approved by Government; and
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a)